

THE TRIBUNE

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THE WOUNDED VULTURE.

BY ANNE C. LYNCH.

A KINSLY vulture sat alone
Lord of the round sun,
Where Egypt's ancient Monuments
Upon the desert frowned.

A hunter's eager eye had marked
The form of that proud bird,
And through the voiceless solitude
His ringing shot was heard.

It rent that vulture's plumed breast,
Aimed with unerring hand,
And his life-blood gushed warm and red
Upon the yellow sand.

No struggle marked the deadly wound,
He gave no piercing cry,
But smit spread his giant wings,
And sought the upper sky.

In vain with swift pursuing shot
The hunter seeks his prey,
Circling and circling upward still,
On his majestic way.

Up to the blue empyrean
He flings his stony flight,
His raving form is lost,
In the full flood of light.

Oh wounded heart! oh suffering soul!
Sick not with foiled wing,
Where broken dreams and ruined hopes
Their mournful shadows fling.

Outspend thy pinions like that bird,
Take thou the path sublime,
Beyond the flying shafts of fate,
Beyond the winds of time.

Mount upward! brave the clouds and storms
Above life's desart plain;

There is a calmer, purer air,

A heaven that may't gain.

And as that dim ascending form
Was lost in day's broad light,
So shall earthly sorrows fade,
Lost in the Infinite.

For The Tribune.
AMERICAN ART UNION.

In answer to the inquiries of your correspondent why the Committee of Management of the American Art Union had not purchased any of the paintings of Henry P. Gray for the annual distribution among their subscribers, I can say that I have ascertained from several members of the Committee that they have at all times been devoured, in the discharge of their difficult duties of selection, to act with the utmost impartiality toward all the artists without distinction of person. With regard to Mr. Gray, the Committee have generally, with the exception of this year, distributed his paintings, but he has none finished and on hand for sale that were within the means of the Committee at this time. There is no disposition on the part of the Committee to overlook the claims of this young artist; nor do they feel called upon to yield to extravagant prices for the sake of patronizing him or any other of our painters. The Institution is yet in its infancy, and the Committee are in duty bound, as Trustees, to exercise both economy and judgment in their selection. When it is more firmly fixed in popular favor, they may exercise greater power and even pay enhanced prices for works, in consideration of the reputation of the artist. How far the systematic opposition of Mr. Gray to the objects of the Institution may have operated on the minds of the Committee I will not undertake to say. It is well known that he has, in presence of its patrons and others, impugned its usefulness and condemned its purposes.

Notwithstanding the opposition of Mr. Gray, the Committee invited him with other artists to paint a sketch, as a subject for the next engraving, to be distributed at the annual meeting among the subscribers. Mr. Gray's sketch, in justice to the Society and to himself, was not distributed, and in this they consulted his interest as well as their own. The Society has great exertions extended a test for the Fine Arts in this country; and that too in the face of opposition from a discontented few, who misinformed and therefore misrepresent and condemn its aims. The managers are bound to respect the claims of their members and disregard the vanity of those who, while condemning the objects of the Institution, demand its patronage, at prices enhanced in consideration of their real or fancied reputation, beyond the intrinsic value of their works.

A MEMBER.

ANTI-RENT TROUBLE.—On Tuesday afternoon last, three more military companies, the Albany Republican Artillery, the Van Rensselaer Guards and the Washington Riflemen, (a German corps) were put under orders by the Commander-in-Chief, and despatched to Hudson by an extra train. This reinforcement was deemed necessary on account of a requisition from the Mayor of Hudson and the Sheriff of Columbia, accompanied by affidavits from persons well informed in the affairs of the Anti-Renters, which went to show that a sudden movement was contemplated upon the city of Hudson, and upon the jail, with a view to rescue the prisoners in custody—and that for this purpose they had been perfecting an organization for several days.

We find in the Columbia Republican a particular account of the arrest of Reynolds. After noticing the previous failure to arrest him, it says:

On Sunday morning Deputy Sheriffs Sedgewick and Bagley with a detachment of men from the Albany Burgees Corps, under the command of Maj. Townsend, and another from the corps stationed at the Court House, took a Concourse for the purpose of arresting James Reynolds, a notorious leader of the Anti-Renters, for whom the officers had a warrant. On approaching the residence of Reynolds, the military were stationed half a mile distant, with directions to march in twenty minutes from the time officer Sedgewick and one man left the detachments to proceed to it. The latter immediately proceeded to Reynolds' and on their arrival discovered a candle burning within. Officer Sedgewick then challenged the person within, stated his business, and demanded admittance. No answering given the door was forced, and when the officer entered a man was discovered to escape from the rear, who was perceptively challenged to stop. He did not, however, and orders were given to shoot him; but fortunately at that moment a fugitive ran up, a log of wood lying in the hall, and one of the militia dropped his basket, pounced upon and secured him. He proved to be a cousin of James Reynolds, who was on a visit from Greene County. The house was then searched, and James Reynolds, one of the most active of the Anti-Renters, was found hid under the eaves of the house in the garret. Arms were found in the possession of the prisoners ready for use. In the meanwhile noises were heard in every direction of the neighborhood as of men on horseback gathering together. One man was discovered approaching the house who was commanded to stand, but not heeding was fired at, but without effect, and he made his escape. Officers, on horseback were also discovered and ordered to stop, but not only were they fired at their horses, but they escaped. It was thought that one of the men was shot in the leg.

JAMES REYNOLDS, we understand, is a farmer in good circumstances, and holds an influential position in the section of the County where he resides. It was he who acted as doorkeeper at Sween's Tavern when Sheriff Miller's papers were taken from him, and is recognized as the "Indian" who stopped and detained officer Bagley on Friday last.

The party after securing their prisoners, returned to this City.

Yesterday, the Court, consisting of Recorder McClinton, Justice Holden and Peck, convened for the examination of Reynolds. The charges against him are similar to those on which Boughton and the others stand committed.

John Traver, a constable of Hudson, who had been to Anram on business, was stopped twice on Friday last by parties of "Indians," who demanded his papers and the business which had brought him there. He was allowed to pass, with threats of tar and feathers if he came into that neighborhood again.

The examination of Smith A. Boughton, alias "Big Thunder," Mortimer C. Belden, alias "Little Thunder," Samuel A. Wheeler and Esau Craig, before Judges Peck, Martin, and Recorder McClinton, was continued on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and on Thursday evening they were fully examined and despatched on the following charges:

Smith A. Boughton and Mortimer C. Belden, each on the charges of

Assault with a deadly weapon, with intent to kill; Henry C. M. Miller, Thomas Sedgwick, Deputys Sheriff, and John S. Ansble.

Boughton was also detained on the charge of aiding and assisting Boughton in attempting to escape from arrest.

Samuel A. Wheeler and Esau Craig were each committed on the charge of aiding and assisting Boughton in attempting to escape from arrest.

Andrew Poucher, charged with aiding and abetting in the robbery of the Sheriff in taking away his papers, and also with a conspiracy for the perversion and obstruction of justice and the due administration of the laws, was held-bound in the sum of \$2,000 and his bail in the sum of \$2,000.

MR. POLK.—The citizens of Charleston have invited Mr. Polk to visit that city on his way to Washington.

The steamboat United States made a trip from Buffalo to Detroit, on the 26th of December, and returned to Buffalo again. This is unusually late for navigation to be open on Lake Erie.

STEAMBOAT LOSER.—The steamboat Canobie rounded and broke in two near Warasaw, on the Bigbee river, Dec. 26th, with a cargo of 700 hales of cotton. The boat is a total loss.

The grocery store of Mr. Hiram Davis, of Worcester, Mass., was destroyed by fire on Saturday last. Loss about \$1,000.

COMMERCIAL AND MONEY MATTERS

Sales at the Stock Exchange... Jan. 2.

5,000 U.S. 6%... 114 25 New Haven Bank... 20

10,000 U.S. 5%... 100 25 Boston Bank... 20

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